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(U) CALIFORNIA

(U) Sacramento – State Fines Sephora \$1.2 Million for Data Privacy Violation

(U) Marking the first enforcement of the landmark California Consumer Privacy Act, the State Attorney General announced a \$1.2 million fine against French beauty care retailer Sephora for failing to tell consumers their data was being sold or give them a means to opt out of its collection. As part of a settlement, Sephora must improve its transparency, clarify its opt-out provisions and provide reports to the Attorney General's office on its sales of personal information. Sephora said in a statement that the company respects consumers privacy and strives to be transparent about how their personal information is used.

SOURCE: 24 August 2022, [Mercury News](#)

(U) SOUTHWEST BORDER

(U) Texas – Smuggling Attempt Disrupted by US Border Patrol

(U) Edinburg – Rio Grande Valley (RGV) Sector Border Patrol agents disrupted four human smuggling events resulting in the arrest of 43 individuals. A call was received from a concerned citizen regarding non-citizens being held against their will at a residence in Rio Grande City. Agents and Starr County Sheriff's Office (SCSO) deputies responded to the location and encountered 15 migrants from Mexico and Central America unlawfully present in the US. A Mexican national was identified as the caretaker and arrested by SCSO. The migrants were in good health and transported to the station.

SOURCE: 24 August 2022, [US CBP](#)

(U) NATIONAL

(U) District of Columbia – FBI and DHS Issue Bulletin for Racially Motivated Copycat Attacks

(U) Washington – The US government urged law enforcement partners nationwide to remain vigilant and watch for indicators of potential copycat attacks. Following the widespread dissemination of more than 700-pages written by the 19-year-old suspect who allegedly opened fire and killed ten people in a supermarket located in a predominantly Black neighborhood of Buffalo, New York. DHS, FBI, and the National Counterterrorism Center (NCTC) assessed that a 180-page manifesto and 672-page online diary written by the alleged gunman and intended to serve as a manual for future attackers will likely enhance the capabilities of potential mass casualty shooters who may be inspired by this attack.

SOURCE: 24 August 2022, [CBS News](#)

(U) Michigan – Police Arrest Five for Attempting to Smuggle People Across US Border on Jet Skis

(U) Port Huron – Police arrested five people, after they allegedly attempted to illegally migrate into the US from Canada on a jet ski. US Customs and Border Protection (CBP) officials say they saw a jet ski cross over the St. Clair River into the US with three people on board. The driver then dropped off two people before making a return trip to bring two more. The first two passengers were picked up soon after the trip over the river. Authorities followed the vehicle and stopped it, arresting all three occupants. The driver was a US citizen, while the two passengers were males from Brazil. The jet ski soon returned carrying two more individuals, a man and a woman, also from Brazil who were taken into custody.

SOURCE: 24 August 2022, [FOX News](#)

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(U) Nevada – Man Arrested for Alleged Terrorist Threats Against Jewish Community

(U) Las Vegas – A man has been arrested for allegedly making terroristic threats against the Jewish community. Andrew Gorrellick posted on social media that he was going to kill all Jewish people. He also allegedly threatened to assassinate several government officials, including the Director of National Intelligence, Avril Haines, and Defense Secretary Lloyd Austin. Police took him into custody at his home, and he faces charges for making false terroristic threats.

SOURCE: 24 August 2022, [3 News](#)

(U) West Virginia – Large Batch of Rainbow Fentanyl Seized

(U) Morgantown – Federal prosecutors said an investigation continues and criminal charges will be announced in the future after a large batch of rainbow fentanyl, a colorful version of the deadly drug that resembles candy, was seized. The pills, seized by officers with the Metro Drug and Violent Crimes Task Force, are multi-colored and stamped with M/30 like a conventional oxycodone pill, according to a news release from the US Attorney's Office for the Northern District of West Virginia. At a news conference, US Attorney William Ihlenfeld was joined by officials from the task force to discuss the case and to notify the community about how fentanyl is being marketed in the region.

SOURCE: 24 August 2022, [WCHS TV](#)

(U) INTERNATIONAL

(U) Albania – Two Russians and One Ukrainian Face Espionage Charges

(U) Tirana – An Albanian court yesterday ordered two Russians and a Ukrainian to remain in custody while authorities conduct an espionage investigation into the suspects activities at a former military weapons manufacturing plant. The hearing was held behind closed doors, and no details were given on why the suspects may have been interested in the site. The two Russian suspects are Mikhail Zorin, 25, and Svetlana Timofoeva, 33, while the Ukrainian was identified as Fedir Alpatov, whose age wasn't provided.

SOURCE: 24 August 2022, [Associated Press](#)

(U) Myanmar – Former British Ambassador and Husband Arrested

(U) Yangon – Myanmar's military junta has arrested a former British ambassador and her husband, a government spokesman said Thursday evening that the couple were being charged with violating the country's immigration act. Vicky Bowman served as British ambassador from 2002-to-2006 and is now the director of the Myanmar Centre for Responsible Business. Her husband, Htein Lin, is a prominent artist and former political prisoner. The couple were arrested at their residence in Yangon and have been sent to the notorious Insein prison. A statement from a foreign affairs spokesperson in London said authorities were "concerned by the arrest of a British woman" and providing consular assistance.

SOURCE: 25 August 2022, [The Washington Post](#)

(U) Syria – Airstrikes Ordered Against Iranian-Backed Groups Following Attacks Last Week

(U) Deir ez-Zor – Airstrikes were ordered against Iranian-backed groups, a little-over-a-week after a number of rockets struck near a military base in northeastern Syria housing US troops. The airstrikes conducted by the US military targeted Iranian-backed groups in Deir ez-Zor Syria. The strikes targeted infrastructure facilities used by groups affiliated with Iran's Islamic Revolutionary Guard Corps (IRGC). The precision strikes are intended to defend and protect US forces from attacks like those of last week against US personnel by Iran-backed groups.

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